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**YOUNG WOMAN  
BADLY DISFIGURED****Pittsburg Negro Thug  
Throws Carbolic Acid  
in Her Face.****ARMED MEN ON  
FIEND'S TRAIL****The Outlying Districts Being  
Searched—Father Offers \$1,000  
for Capture of His Son,  
Who Shot and Killed  
Negro in a  
Fight.**

PITTSBURG, PA., November 17.—Thugs and thieves continue their depredations in this city, and several assaults and a large number of robberies occurred throughout the city and vicinity today. The police continue to arrest suspicious characters, but so far they have been unable to capture any persons directly implicated in the outrages.

One of today's assaults was especially heinous. Miss Jeannette Brownlee, of Braddock, Pa., was disfigured for life by a negro highwayman, who threw carbolic acid in her face. Tonight armed men are searching Braddock and surrounding boroughs for the negro, and he is threatened with lynching if captured. During the last twenty-four hours over twenty houses were entered and ransacked in this city.

**Offers High Reward.**

The father of James Taylor, Jr., who shot and killed Isaac Carter, a negro, at Duquesne, a suburb of this city, last Monday night, and who has since escaped arrest, offered a reward today of \$1,000 for the capture of his son.

"I will give \$1,000 to the person who captures him or gives information leading to his arrest," said Mr. Taylor. "I will have to sell my property to pay the reward, but I will willingly do it."

Young Taylor was a white, shot the negro during a quarrel.

**SCHROEDER, VIRGINIA'S  
COMMANDER, BLAMELESS**

WASHINGTON, November 17.—The Judge Advocate-General of the Navy has concluded his review of the proceedings of the Naval Board, which investigated the collision between the battleship Virginia and the Old Dominion at the Norfolk in Hampton Roads a fortnight ago. It is understood that the board found that Captain Schroeder and the other officers of the Virginia were blameless in the matter, the navigation laws expressly forbidding a collision of this kind. The board also found that the blame for the collision was on the part of the Old Dominion. Therefore no further proceedings were recommended.

**SUSTAINS DEMURRER AND  
THROWS CASE OUT OF COURT**

LOUISVILLE, KY., November 17.—In the United States Circuit Court, Judge Evans sustained a demurrer raised by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company in the case of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers against the railroad. The effect of the decision is to throw the case out of court. The order of Railroad Telegraphers brought suit against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad for an injunction to keep the road from preventing its employees from joining their union.

**DR. ROBERT CRAIG'S  
DEATH WAS SUICIDE**

**His Father and Mother Also  
Took Their Own  
Lives.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

STANTON, VA., November 17.—News has reached the city to the effect that the cause of Dr. Robert Craig's death was suicide. At the time of his death Dr. Craig was medical examiner for the Equitable Life Insurance Company in Pittsburgh. The news received here is to the effect that Dr. Craig committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart in the room next to that occupied by his wife.

Dr. Craig was raised in Stanton, where he was very popular, and was considered a fine baseball player. His father, W. E. Craig, was a prominent lawyer of the Stanton bar, and was reputed to be one of the best criminal lawyers in the State during his days. About ten years ago he died in his room on Main Street, and it has been reported that he committed suicide.

Mrs. Craig, mother of Dr. Robert Craig, committed suicide here about ten years ago by hanging herself to the railing of her porch.

**ROBBERS START FIRE  
TO COVER UP TRACKS**

WALKER, MO., November 17.—Robbers here early today started a fire that destroyed six of the best business buildings in Walker, the object being to cover up the robbery of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 belonging to the Bank of Walker. On Monday last robbers wrecked the safe of the bank with dynamite, getting away with \$2,000, and the bank officials were forced to place in the safe of a neighboring store what money was left. Today's robbery is believed to have been committed by the same men who dynamited the bank.

**FORMER STATE AUDITOR  
TO HAVE NEW TRIAL**

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 17.—David E. Sherck, former Auditor of State, who brought here today from the state prison at Michigan City.

The Supreme Court yesterday granted him a new trial. He has served eight months of an indeterminate sentence for from two to twenty years on the charge of embezzling the State's funds.

**A COAST LINE  
PASSENGER WRECK****Mail Train From Wilm-  
ington to Charleston  
Ditched.****SEVENTEEN ARE  
SLIGHTLY HURT****The Wounds Consist of Cuts,  
Sprains and Bruises, and the  
Official Report Says That  
None of Them Are  
Seriously In-  
jured.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILMINGTON, N. C., November 17.—An Atlantic Coast Line passenger and mail train leaving Wilmington for Charleston at 6 o'clock this morning, was wrecked at Leland, seven miles from Wilmington, by a broken rail. Seventeen passengers were injured, none seriously.

A list of the injured as given by an official of the road is as follows:

Captain Landis C. Jones, George Carlett, John Hill, Huntington, H. E. Henderson, J. H. Dingelhoff, C. R. Speight, Eli Kornau, B. J. Applewhite and C. Morse, all of this city; V. T. Aycock, P. P. Sears, of Whiteville; J. E. Youngblood, Atlanta; W. H. Elliot, residence unknown; J. A. Meibler, Greensboro, N. C.; E. L. Stallings, Columbia, S. C.; Norwood Spicer, Goldsboro, N. C.; and G. O. A. Payne, of Chicago, Ill., all slightly injured, their wounds consisting of cuts, sprains and bruises.

**FAST FLORIDA  
TRAIN DITCHED****Nobody Hurt, But the Line Was  
Blocked for Hours to All  
Traffic.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., November 17.—At midnight last night north-bound passenger train No. 390, the Southern Palm Limited, was derailed four miles north of Spencer, and four cars, with the engine and tender, were ditched. The train was making about twenty-five miles per hour when the accident occurred, and all the passengers were greatly shaken up. Though no one was hurt.

The cause of the wreck is said to have been a rough place in the track, which was recently laid. The main line was blocked until noon today, and all trains from both Washington and Atlanta were greatly delayed.

**NARROW ESCAPE OF  
SOUTHERN FAST MAIL****Brake-Beam Drops While Train  
Running More Than Mile  
a Minute.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., November 17.—Train No. 97, the fast mail to the South on the Southern Railway, had a narrow escape today while speeding between Manassas and Orange.

The train was running upwards of sixty-five miles an hour when a brake beam on one of the six mail cars dropped and began pounding the track.

The train was stopped quickly, but not until the beam had pounded itself into a shapeless mass.

There was much excitement among the crew over the fact that the train did not leave the track.

**NO STEAM ENGINES TO  
ENTER WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON, November 17.—Steam engines will be prohibited entrance to the District of Columbia on the completion of the new union station in Washington. The commissioners of the District of Columbia today took action in order, prohibiting the use of anything but electric engines in drawing trains into the new union station. This applies to all railroad engines entering the city, and is made in the interest of the anti-smoke crusade which has waged for several years.

**RUSSIAN GENERAL SHOT  
DEAD IN THE STREET**

POLTAVA, RUSSIA, November 17.—General Pokonkoff, commander of the garrison here, was shot dead to-night, and a soldier who was passing at the time also was killed by unknown persons.

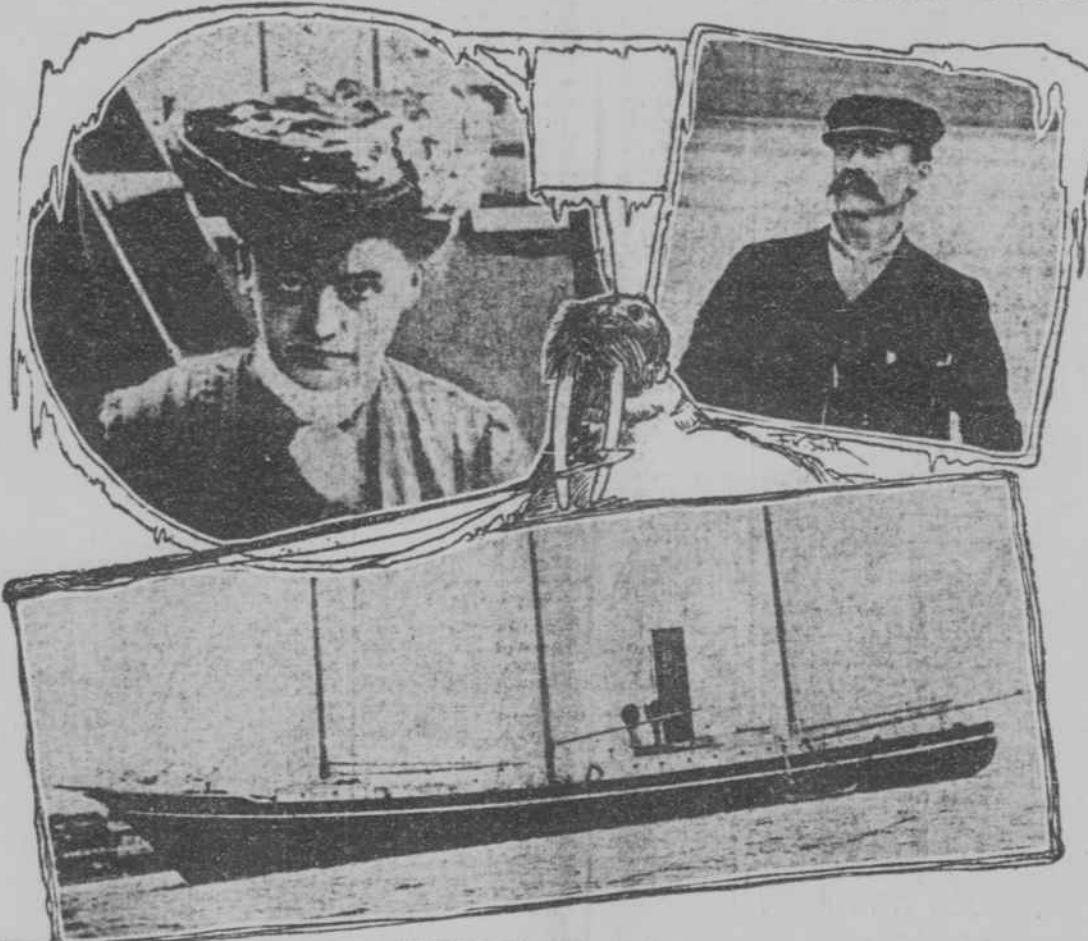
**CALLED TO HIS DOOR  
AND SHOT TO DEATH****Atrocious Murder in Cold Blood  
in South Carolina—Object  
Robbery.**

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 17.—[Special.]—L. B. Padgett, a prosperous tenant farmer living near Brunswick, was called to his door about nine o'clock Thursday night and shot to death. The murder was not discovered until yesterday.

The load from a shotgun was fired into the head of Mr. Padgett. The object of murder was evidently robbery as Padgett was known to have several hundred dollars in cash.

The clothes of the dead man showed they had been searched by bloody hands and the money taken.

The neighborhood is aroused and diligent search is being made. Mr. Padgett was a Confederate veteran and served in Virginia in Hampton's cavalry.

**COMMANDER ROBERT E. PEARY AND HIS  
STOUT SHIP NOW IN VERY GREAT PERIL**

The Roosevelt and her gallant commander are now on their home trip, but so damaged is the vessel and so heavy is the weather near the Strait of Belle Isle, through which she is soon to pass, that gravest anxiety is felt for the safety of those on board. Two pictures of Peary and one of his wife are shown.

**KAISER SLAPS  
HIS MINISTER****Report From Berlin Says His  
Majesty Didn't Like Being  
Laughed At.****HE SOON BECAME SORRY****Gave Many Evidences Later of  
His Friendship for Man  
Chastised.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BERLIN, November 17.—The Kaiser's ministers are accustomed to being kicked by him morally. But he has boxed the ears of only one physically. Witness the case of General Podbielski, whom must reluctantly the Kaiser dismissed as Minister of Agriculture the other day because he had become odious to the Pope. Podbielski is a noted raconteur, whose naughty little stories greatly amused the Kaiser. So, whenever His Majesty went hunting the Minister of Agriculture was always of his select party. During the latest hunt the weather was vile and the roads were execrable. While walking with Podbielski the Emperor stopped and fell headlong into a muddy ditch. When he staggered to his feet, dripping wet with mud, he was furious.

"You're a fine Minister of Agriculture," he shouted, turning to Podbielski, "why don't you keep your country roads in better condition?"

As Podbielski stammered an explanation that he was not responsible for the condition of the roads, the Emperor detected in the Minister's eye a faint gleam of amusement at his ridiculous plight. Possessed by rage, the Emperor dealt Podbielski a stinging blow on the ear, nearly stunning him.

Podbielski stood as if he were petrified. Never before had the Imperial temper vented itself in physical violence. His anger soon died away and the Emperor became half apologetic. His Majesty was sincerely sorry, and to prove it he kept Podbielski in power until it became absolutely impossible to retain him longer. When he dismissed him he gave him a high decoration.

**SUDDEN DEATH OF WOMAN  
HELD ON MURDER CHARGE**

SEATTLE, WASH., November 17.—Mrs. Maud Creffield, held in the King County jail as an accomplice in the murder of George Mitchell, in the Union Station, July 12, died suddenly in her cell last night. Esther Mitchell, who shot her brother, was in the same bed with Mrs. Creffield when the latter was stricken.

Deputy Coroner S. E. Wiltse believes the woman died from heart failure.

Maud Hurr Creffield was the wife of "Joshua" Creffield, who was shot by George Mitchell in the belief that Creffield had maltreated his sister Esther. Esther later shot her brother George. She and Mrs. Creffield were arrested for the crime, both women confessing that they had done it to avenge the death of "Joshua."

**BYRD TALKS ON  
SCHOOLBOOKS****Glaring Differences in Prices All  
Seem to Be Against  
Virginia.****COMMITTEE IN HARMONY****Will Go to Bottom of Matter  
and Inform the  
Public.**

Interest in the schoolbook investigation, which has really been started by the joint legislative committee named last winter to take up the matter, is becoming widespread, and it promises to increase when the examination of witnesses begins on December 11th.

Chairman Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester, is still here, and is laboring over the records in the Department of Public Instruction with the view of getting a more intelligent idea of the situation and of definitely determining upon the course of the inquiry.

The committee is composed of Messrs. Byrd, of Winchester, chairman, and Cox, of Richmond, from the House, and Strode, of Annerket, from the Senate, and it is in perfect harmony, and will bring their best endeavors to bear in the discharge of their duties.

When soon at the Jefferson last night and asked for an interview on the general subjects with which the inquiry will probably deal, Chairman Byrd made the following statement:

"The committee have a realizing sense of the importance of the investigation which the General Assembly has confided to us. We appreciate also that many of the questions which will be presented for solution will be by no means simple or without difficulties. There are, however, some facts which, being matters of record, may be obtained by taking pains. The committee may well take these facts as the basis for inquiry."

"For instance, the fact that Virginia is paying more for certain schoolbooks than the citizens of Colorado. This is a condition, and not a theory. For example, a comparison of the contract prices which control in Virginia and Texas shows some remarkable differences in favor of Texas. Hyde's Grammar, Book I, sells in Virginia for thirty cents; in Texas for twenty cents. Hyde's Grammar, Book II, sells in Virginia

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**RAILROAD CONFERENCE  
BE HELD TO-MORROW****No Developments Yesterday in  
R., F. & P. Situation, But In-  
terest Continued Great.**

There was no move in the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad situation yesterday, and it does not appear that there will be any interesting developments until the conference in the Governor's office to-morrow between His Excellency and the State proxies and prominent railroad officials.

Of course, nearly every one is talking about the matter and one hears it discussed at every place where men meet.

The Governor and the representatives of the State's interests are hopeful of the best results for the State, and it may be that the conference will result in an understanding which will satisfy all parties concerned.

The big railroad officials who are to confer with the Governor are expected to arrive in the city today or to-night. The conference will be one of the most important held in the capital in a long while.

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**EXPLOSION AT BONFIRE  
INJURES FOUR BOYS**

PITTSBURG, PA., Nov. 17.—Dynamite fuse caps thrown into a bonfire caused an explosion that injured four boys in the East-End last night. They had staked twenty-eight dynamite caps from the buggy of a contractor while he was inspecting some work. All are in a critical condition and may die.

**LANDSLIDE FOR  
THE PRESIDENT****This Caused Him to Detour  
Train, Delaying His Arrival  
at Cristobal.****HEARS LABORERS' COMPLAINT****Tells Them He Will Afford Re-  
lief—Inspects Everything  
in Sight.**

COLON, November 17.—Owing to the recent heavy rains, a landslide occurred between here and Panama to-day, compelling President Roosevelt's train to make a detour. The landslide occurred at Panama, a station on the railroad southwest of Empire, and not far from the Culebra cut.

President Roosevelt reached Cristobal at six o'clock this afternoon, and personally inspected the houses of canal employees, the camps of the laborers, the docks and other points of interest. The presidential party took breakfast at Mount Hope, where there is a large restaurant, supplying water to Cristobal-Colon. When he reached the railway station at Colon, President Roosevelt went upstairs to the Panama Railroad office, where he reviewed the Cristobal Fire Brigade, which turned on simultaneously twenty-five streams of water from hydrants extending along the main street from the railroad station to the entrance to the town of Cristobal.

The force of the water, which easily went over the tops of the highest buildings, proved to be very satisfactory to President Roosevelt, and the citizens of Colon. The citizens were especially pleased with the exhibition, and there is no fear of the destruction of the town by fire if such a force of water is always available.

**Cheered Everywhere.**

After the exhibition, President Roosevelt mounted a horse and, accompanied by Chief Engineer Stevens and other canal officials and secret service men, galloped over the entire town. The President was cheered everywhere. Most of the President's time at Cristobal was devoted to an inspection of the quarters of the laborers. He talked with some of them and made note of their complaints, which were chiefly on the scarcity of West Indian food. The President promised that improvements, such as the erection of bath and kitchen and the paving of streets, would be made. When at the cemetery, President Roosevelt said he saw no reason why the Canal Commission should not sell West Indian provisions at the same price as was being charged by outsiders.

This evening a reception and ball was given on Pier No. 11 at Cristobal in honor of President Roosevelt and his party by the employees on the Canal Commission.

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Birds.**

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**HOTEL BURNS; ONE  
MAN PERISHES IN FIRE**

DALLAS, TEX., November 17.—The Mahank Hotel, at Maback, Texas, was destroyed by fire last night. Abraham Mitchell, of Dallas, a traveling salesman, was burned to death.

**UNITED ACTION  
IS NOT POSSIBLE****Williamsburg Committee  
is Still Rent in  
Twain.****BOTH REPORTS  
NOW COMPLETE****After Brief But, Painfully Formal  
Conference, Factions at Nearly  
Midnight Agree to Fight  
It Out at Williams-  
burg To-Mor-  
row.**

After spending a week here drafting their respective reports, the majority and minority factions of the Eastern State Hospital investigating committee decided, in formal session at 11:30 o'clock last night, not to attempt to get together, but to meet for that purpose in Williamsburg to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Both papers are now complete, and apparently they will be signed without any material alterations. The division will be that which has obtained from the early stages of the inquiry, and the signing will be.

Majority report—Messrs. Hixon, Roberts, Dunn and Phillips.

Minority—Chairman Sadler and Mr. Ould.

Apparently there is not the barest prospect of getting together or of any modification of the papers as they now exist. Both sides seemed to fully realize this last night, and therefore it was unanimously agreed not to make the attempt. It is not anticipated that anything along this line will be accomplished to-morrow, for those who are in a position to know are of opinion that it would require the use of something more drastic than a talking gun to bring about a change of heart among any of the members.

**Voluminous Papers.**

The report of the majority makes about forty pages of typewritten matter, and that of the minority about seventeen pages.

While the members would not discuss the contents of either paper, it is believed that the majority report will sustain Superintendent Foster and the management, and will make some mild suggestions and recommendations as to changes and reforms.

The minority report, on the other hand, will almost certainly condemn Dr. Foster and others connected with the institution, and make sweeping recommendations as to reforms which Messrs. Sadler and Ould believe are necessary for the good of the hospital.

The day was full of expectation and anxiety, and when at nearly midnight it was agreed not to try to agree, the members dispersed to sleep over the matter which has taken so much of their time, and upon which they hold such widely different views.

**Was Ready Early.**

The minority report was completed at 7 o'clock, and Messrs. Sadler and Ould each have copies in their pockets. They did their work in the former's room at Murphy's, while the majority held forth in the cloak-room of the Senate.

Three different times were appointed by the majority for the minority members to meet them, but not until the last, which was 11 o'clock, was the majority ready.

Then all agreed that the consideration of the reports at that hour would run into Sunday, so after a most formal session of five minutes, Messrs. Sadler and Ould retired and went back to their hotel. The majority remained a while at the capital and talked matters over, but an adjournment was had before midnight.

The members agreed to go down at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and to begin work promptly at 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

**Will Be Tame Affair.**

No spectacular scenes are anticipated at Williamsburg when the final meeting is held. It is practically certain that the two reports are read they will be signed respectively, as has been indicated, and that there will be a speedy adjournment.

Copies of each paper when signed will be delivered to Governor Swanson, the Board of Directors and the clerk of the House of Delegates.

The majority members of the committee seemed to be in a good mood last night. The same might be said of the minority, though they were all pretty well tired out as a result of the strain and labor of the week. While perfect harmony prevailed in the two camps, when the two reports were held the proceedings were invariably, brief, and pointedly formal. Messrs. Sadler and Hixon have all along been the most prominent leaders of the minority.

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**"INTERRUPTED  
FRIENDSHIPS"****An Elquent Address to  
Virginia Conference by  
Bishop Hendrix.****THE ORPHANAGE  
IN FINE SHAPE****An Appeal to the Conference to  
Aid in Building a Church at  
Blacksburg — John P.  
Branch Offers Reso-  
lution to Pay Bet-  
ter Salaries.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., November 17.—The fourth day's session of the Virginia Conference was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. R. L. Smart, D. D., of Norfolk.

The bishop then made an address on "Interrupted Friendships," taking the case of Paul and Timothy, who separated at Antioch on account of Mark, who had formerly forsaken the apostles.

The question, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and administration?" was reopened, and the presences of the Petersburg and Portsmouth districts made their reports.

When the name of J. H. Aniles was called, he arose and requested his name be referred to the committee on conference relation. The conference was ordered.

The Norfolk and Eastern Shore preachers then made their reports.

Rev. W. E. Tillet, D. D., a former member of the Virginia Conference, now the dean of the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University, arrived to-day and was introduced to the conference.

Dr. Tillet is the gentleman who introduced the resolution into the last general conference providing for the statement of the faith of universal M. theism, and was appointed a member of the committee of five from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Professor H. M. Harts, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of teachers' training department of the Sunday school work, was also introduced, and it was announced that the Sunday school anniversary would be held to-night, and Dr. Harts would make the address.

**Epworth League.**

Rev. L. D. Damm, chairman of the Epworth League committee, made the report, and exhorted the conference to give greater attention to development of the Epworth League.

The Orphanage.

Rev. J. T. Martin, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Richmond, made his report, as follows:

In November, 1899, after careful investigation, it was decided to build a home for orphan children, whereupon a board of trustees was appointed, and January 29th, 1900, the Virginia Conference Orphanage was incorporated by the Legislature. From that day until now the work has gone forward with uninterrupted success. The past year has been in every way satisfactory. From the beginning our health record has been phenomenal; we have had very little serious sickness and no deaths.

During the review service last spring, conducted by Dr. H. E. Johnson, every person in the institution over 5 years of age who was not converted made a profession of religion.

The financial report showed that the total assets of the institution are \$102,472.63, and total liabilities are \$1,980.05, showing that the assets over liabilities are \$99,772.63.

The current expenses of the orphanage for the last year have been \$7,465.53. The number of children provided for during the year 35. The average cost each child was \$215.72.

The orphanage has adopted the method of raising funds for its current expenses by requesting the churches to take a Christmas collection.

Captain J. L. Roper added to his original subscription an amount sufficient to pay for the new heating plant, costing \$2,500. A new steam laundry and an assestment plant, to cost \$1,600, is being installed, and Rev. Mr. Martin requested some liberal laymen to come forward and pay for the same.

The manual training equipment is now complete in the carpenter and blacksmith departments.

Mr. E. M. Tilly has given to the orphanage \$3,000 and a new cottage, called after his name, is to be built on the campus. Altogether the orphanage was shown to be in excellent condition.

**Aid for Blacksburg.**

Rev. J. C. Joyce, a member of the Baltimore Conference, and stationed at Blacksburg, Va., was introduced, and made an earnest plea for contributions to build a new church at Blacksburg, so that the Virginia boys sent to the Polytechnic Institute may have a church home. He said that of the 26 Methodist boys in the institution, 18 of them come from within the bounds of the Virginia Conference. Mr. Joyce asked for a collection, and the sum was received by cash and subscription was \$200.

Rev. J. W. Carroll, chairman of conference on conference relations, made the report, and in addition to the number already mentioned, C. C. Blackburn, ship, J. E. Potts, M. A. Davidson and Joseph H. Aniles.

Mr. J. P. Branch, of Richmond, Va., offered the following resolution on ministerial salaries:

Resolved, That in view of the largely increased expense of living and the large demands on the liberality of our ministers, and the growing sense of obligation to provide for the old age and for one's family in the event of death, we urge upon our churches, and especially those where the salaries are small, that they be as generous as possible in the support of their pastors and presiding elders, and that the body heard of finance be requested to consider the advisability of addressing a letter to the pastoral charges concerning the matter of ministerial support.

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**Petersburg Next.**

The committee on conference inter-